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In re application of:

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Appl. No.: 10/600,254

Filed: June 20, 2003

For: **Metal/Wood Bat Connection
Assembly**

Art Unit: 3711

Examiner: Mark S. Graham

Atty. Docket: 911560/00003DIV

Response and Amendment

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 4, 2004, Applicant submits the following Amendment and Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-4295.

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Re: U.S. Non-Provisional Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 10/600,254; Filed: June 20, 2003
For: **Metal/Wood Bat Connection Assembly**
Inventor: James G. Tribble
Our Ref: 911560/00003DIV

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Response and Amendment;
2. PTO 1083 (in duplicate);
3. Our Check No. 7-23443 for \$199.00 to cover the additional claim fee (small entity status); and
4. One (1) return post card.

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Very truly yours,



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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

Response
 Additional claim fee is required

The claim fee has been calculated as shown below:

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Respectfully submitted,

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